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$ 3.00 to $ 7.00 Suits, now	$ 1.98	6.00 to 8.00	4.48
5.00 to 12.00	3.98	7.50 to 9.00	4.98
7.00 to 15.00	4.98	10.00 to 12.00	6.98
10.00 to 18.00	7.98	12.50 to 15.00	9.98
12.00 to 21.00	9.98	15.00 to 18.00	12.98
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$ 5.00 to $ 6.00 Coats now	$ 3.98
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$ 8.00 to $ 10.00	4.98
$ 10.00 to $ 12.00	6.98
$ 12.00 to $ 15.00	7.98
$ 15.00 to $ 18.00	9.98
$ 18.00 to $ 22.00	12.98

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Several thousand pair to go at less than factory cost.

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50c and 75c Kind	25c
75c and $1.00 "	39c
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Theirs, however, was labor richly rewarded, though the story is so interwoven with spiritualism and romance that it is well nigh incredible. Bartlett is the grandson of D. E. Ingels, a miner of the early '50s in these parts, who was murdered in the hills by his partner. The Bartlett family are spiritualists, and Bartlett declares his dead and murdered grandfather, through a Portland medium, sent word to him to find the lost mine and he would be independent for life.

Bartlett's every positivity that he received specific directions from the spirit of his grandfather how to proceed to the lost mine. Moreover, he was told to select M. C. Black to accompany him. The men will not tell any of the location of their find, but say it cannot be reached save by making an extremely dangerous trip and one filled with hardship, especially at this time of the year, when the mountains are firmly in white icy grasp. In the spring they will return and develop their find.

In a rough and mountainous section, they say, they found a gray quartz ledge, literally filled with precious metal. Small pieces were broken off, pounded up in a frying pan which they had with them and the gold picked out by the men's fingers and placed in a bottle. Should the ledge prove as rich as the samples, a man could make a mortar and gold pan, and in a week's time take out enough of the gold to make him wealthy.

As an evidence of their find they have the little bottle of gold dust, which has already been viewed by dozens of people, most being those made by O. D. Johnson which proves that the mineral is genuine.—Wenatchie correspondence Seattle Times.

WILD TIMES IN ODESSA.

Here is a correspondent's record of the minor hooligan outrages of one day in the city of Odessa recently: "Shortly before sundown a drunken member of a small military picket sangreed upon his rifle and fired wildly as a passing drosky carrying two women and a young girl. The bullet missed its mark. An officer, attracted by the shot, rushed over, and the drunken soldier ran as best he could, after dropping his rifle, but was brought down by a shot in the leg from the officer. On the opposite side of Cathedral place, 300 paces away, about the same time, an intoxicated policeman fired at end of a vodka shop and commenced blazing about with his revolver, one shot wounding a young woman in the hand. He was shot dead by a member of the nearest picket.

COOLIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Writes an observer in South Africa: "The Chinese are everywhere. You see them in the streets of the towns, on the platforms of the railway stations, or about the Rand. There are now nearly 50,000 of them scattered up and down a slice of country about forty miles in length. Some are working in mines which are practically in Johannesburg itself. Yesterday morning I was walking down Commissioner street, when I came across thirty of them at work digging out the foundations for a new building. They were prisoners serving terms of hard labor, and were lead out to the task in tractor at one shilling a head a day. And they were employed in the very center of Johannesburg. Out at the Knight's I saw a huge camp where 1,400 more Chinese prisoners are at work making a section of the railway line from Germiston to Boksburg.

"These sweepings of the Chinese prisons who are now overrunning a British colony, are not content with mere robbery. They do that as a matter of course. What those in isolated huts and lonely stores dread is the cry of 'Tea, tea!—Kill, kill!'—from the yellow fiends who roam over the veldt. People in the country dare scarcely go to bed at night. They gather at each other's houses for protection and companionship.

"What wonder is it that terror reigns on the veldt, or that the country people are now all armed, and shoot first, when they see a Chinaman at night?" The same writer adds that these circumstances are hidden carefully from the outside world. The white men of South Africa—with the exception of the mine owners—he says, are subjected to the introduction of coolie labor was a mistake.

GREAT ARMY OF EDUCATION

The army of education in the United States is made up of 450,000 teachers, of whom 120,000 are men and 330,000 women. The overwhelming majority of the teachers are natives of the United States, less than 30,000 having been born abroad—one in fifteen.

Most of the male teachers are between the years of 25 and 35. The majority of the women teachers are between 15 and 25.

There are 2,200 male teachers over 65. There are less than 1,500 female teachers over 65. Three times as many female as male teachers are put down as "age unknown."

There are 21,000 colored teachers in the United States, thus divided between the two sexes 7,700 men and 13,300 women. There are 500 Indian teachers in the Indian schools of the United States—240 men and 260 women.

The average age of teachers in the United States is higher than in England and lower than in Germany. The proportion of very youthful teachers in the north and in the country than in the city districts.

The largest proportion of male teachers is to be found in West Virginia, where they number 50 cent of the total. The largest proportion of women is to be found in Vermont, where they form 90 per cent. of the whole number. The standard of education is very much higher in Vermont than it is in West Virginia.

The number of teachers in the United States has increased greatly in recent years. In 1871 there were 125,000, in 1880, 225,000, in 1890, 240,000 and it is at present 450,000.

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It was his custom to be at his shop quite early two or three times a week, to see that his employes were all on time. If any one arrived late, the same dialogue always took place.

One morning "Bob" White was the victim, and was accosted by the proprietor, who said: "Mr. White, you are thirteen minutes late this morning."

"Y-y-yes-yes, sir; but, you see, I-I was married last night." To which Capt. Dick replied:

"Very well, very well; but don't let it occur again."

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RING FOR A GREAT STRIKE

nd Operators Preparing For a Struggle.

RESIGNATION DEMANDED?

Concerned Are Making Ready for atest Labor War in History of the —Equipment of the State Constabulary Being Rushed—A Stormy Meeting ed.

urg, Pa. (Special).—Operators, and State authorities are preor the greatest strike in the of the country when the United kers of America lay down their April 1.

the miners are preparing for ggle by gathering together a million dollars of a strike fund, operators are pushing their to the utmost capacity to get a head, the state authorities are the equipment of the new state ary, which was organized in ion of this strike. There are ops of this organization, and ms and uniforms are now being from the state arsenal at Harrisburg.

The authorities look for serious and are preparing to meet it with ence as may be necessary.

eeting of the miners' executive scheduled for Monday morning was called tely upon receipt of the news sident Dolan had dissolved the ions given him to stand for an and had voted with the operators the conference in favor of the wage scale.

state constabulary recently sworn bering 220 men, divided into four ops, every man of whom is a member of the United States Army, States Volunteers or Reserves, will immediately be armed and April 1 is ready to patrol the ds. It is believed that with ly, having more authority than ce force of the State, it will be sary to call out the National to protect property as has been in the coal strikes of the past decades.

ing coal operators counted on port of John Mitchell to aid them the anthracite coal operators in them into a shutdown.

Mitchell is known to have been away by the radical element, by Tom L. Lewis, of Ohio, and of Illinois, and that those are the real leaders in the strike. ed which the coal miners hope for the pending strike cannot to over $200,000. According authority here, it is doubtful if can be raised through the assistother unions, and it is doubtful

THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

DOMESTIC

The National Insurance Convention, at Chicago, adopted resolutions condemning the deferred dividend plan and declared for a standard form of insurance policy to the exclusion of all other forms.

Testimony was produced in the packers' trial at Chicago that Armour, Swift and Morris controlled the National Packing Company, which operated six or more subsidiary packing concerns.

The Harper Memorial Committee decided on a project for a library building in memory of the late President Harper, of the University of Chicago.

David Lowenstein was arrested in Pittsburg on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

One hundred state officials are in attendance at the National Insurance Convention in Chicago, which proposes to frame a bill for the establishment of a uniform system of statutory regulation of legal reserve life insurance in the states.

Edw. F. Swift, of Swift & Co., displayed a lack of information and lapse of memory when cross-examined by District Attorney Morrison in the beef packers' case.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Montfort, a prominent Presbyterian preacher, editor and educator, died in Cincinnati at the age of 95.

The American Light and Traction Company has bought the Detroit City Gas Company for $3,000,000 cash.

The First United States Infantry sailed from New York for the Philippines.

William Hedges, a wealthy manufacturer of Cincinnati, committed suicide.

Justice Gildersleeve has rendered a decision that Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, does not have to answer the questions of the Missouri Commission, which sat in New York until the Supreme Court of Missouri passes upon the decision regarding stock control.

Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes denies that she was married in New York, Monday.

Edward F. Swift testified in the beef packers' case at Chicago, that the books of Swift & Co. were open for government inspection under a promise of immunity.

Twenty-two boys at Earlham College, Indiana, have been suspended for "ducking" Sidney Hinton, of Brookville, Md.

John J. Bowers, who served in the American Army and Navy and was wounded in the Philippines, has been refused admission to the United States on the ground that he might become a public charge.

Governor Pennypacker has signed the resolution of the special session of the Pennsylvania legislature which calls for an investigation of fees paid the insurance commissioner in the Keystone State.

A resolution has been introduced in the State Senate of New Jersey asking the attorney general of the state to take the civil tribunals of Russia, one of the main demands of the reform parties, seems assured.

Queen Alexandra and her suite left London for Copenhagen to attend the funeral of her father, King Christian.

France is doing everything she can to safeguard her prospe...erating political influence in Morocco.

Premier Fortis, of Italy, and the members of his ministry have resigned.

The German steamer Gemma, which arrived at Leith, reported that she was fired upon by the crew of an unknown schooner in the Cattegat, an arm of the North Sea.

English holders of policies in the New York Mutual Life Company adopted resolutions demanding further investigation on the home board of the company.

The Moroccan conference in the American delegation raised a point against any indirect infringement of the sultan's sovereignty.

Thousands of people are reported to be dying in Northern Japan because of the famine.

In a battle between rebellious tribesmen and Spanish troops 1,500 were killed.

Sixteen men, 15 of them Jews, were shot to death at Warsaw.

It has been learned that the assassin of General Grianroff in Tiflis, Caucasia, was a Persian government official.

The officers of the American cruiser squadron were present at a great review of the garrisons at Nice, Mentone, Villefranche, Athens and Grasse.

The Hamburg-American Line steamer Silvia, which left Vladivostok with Russian troops, struck a mine and was run ashore to prevent sinking.

An agreement providing for the establishment of a parcel post at cheap rates between Sweden and the United States has been concluded.

Violent scenes attended the taking of inventories of church property in Paris by the commissioners in pursuance of a recent law.

The body of King Christian of Denmark is placed in a plain casket. It is said his estate will not exceed $250,000.

The Queen will not be present at the funeral ceremonies, which calls for an investigation of fees paid the insurance commissioner in the Keystone State.

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FACTORY GIRLS IN FIRE PANIC

Two Hundred Driven Out Into Zero Weather.

TROLLEY POLES MELTED BY THE HEAT

Knit Goods Factory in Cleveland Is Destroyed by a Quick Fire—Panic-stricken Employes, Mostly Girls, Faint Upon Reaching a Place of Safety—The Flames Spread to Adjoining Houses.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—Fire starting from an undetermined cause on the sixth floor of the knit goods factory of N. J. Rich & Co., Payne Avenue and Seventh Street, destroyed that building with an estimated loss of $75,000. It sent at least 200 girl-employes in a wild panic from the several lower floors, and before the fire was gotten under control it had communicated to and destroyed 2t dwellings adjoining the Rich factory, on Payne Avenue, and both sides of Seventeenth Street.

The fire was attended with many spectacular scenes. The Rich Building was completely gutted, nothing remaining of it but small fragments of the walls. The employes numbered 400, girls, men and boys, the majority, however, being girls. Many of the latter had already left for their homes. The fire spread so quickly that scores of the girls who were caught had to leave the factory without their street garments to face almost zero weather on the outside. Some of the girls were so panic-stricken that when they reached the outer doors of the factory they fainted. So far as learned no person was hurt.

The burned buildings were immediately to the west and south of the Rich buildings, and a row of five apartments and two single dwellings across the street on the east side of Seventeenth Street were destroyed. The losses on the dwellings is divided between the various owners and the George Dodge estate, the latter bearing the larger portion. The total loss is estimated at close to $125,000, with insurance probably only partial.

Windows in the Cary apartment-house, on Payne Avenue, a block west of the Rich Building, were cracked by the heat, and tenants of that building were ready to leave at a moment's notice if necessary. All the telephone, telegraph and trolley wires in the vicinity of the fire were melted and the poles burned.

FIERCE FIGHT IN CHURCH.

Religious Riots Are on the Increase in Paris.

Paris (By Cable).—As a net result of one day's rioting, though the inventory was taken in but one church, that of St. Pierre du Gros Caillou, over 50 persons were arrested, injured and a further [illegible] pounds of dynamite and which was anchored on the Manhattan side of the Harlem River, almost under the Central Bridge, took fire.

Soon after the fire started two explosions occurred on board. They were slight, however, and apparently did not affect the main cargo.

An alarm was sent in and several fire engines and two fireboats responded.

The lighter was anchored directly in the rear of the Manhattan Casino, which was crowded this morning with men and women attending a ball. When the explosions occurred there was a panic in the place.

The police reserves were called and finally managed to restore order in the Casino, after which they drove the people from the river front and out of danger from explosion.

To Abolish State Dispensary.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).—The House of Representatives has passed the Morgan dispensary Bill by a vote of 63 to 47. This bill is considered to be the most significant legislation in this state for many years, and it is believed the Senate will pass the measure. The bill abolishes the state dispensary and provides for state prohibition with local option to counties to establish their own dispensaries under county management.

Murderer of Two Children.

West Chester, Pa. (Special).—Ricardo Forte, an Italian, was convicted of murder in the first degree here for the killing of Marie and Dominic Bolanco, two children, at Howellville, last March. The children were murdered for an old smithy and Forte's conviction was brought about by the confession of a fellow-prisoner.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Bluefield, W. Va. (Special).—A report has just reached here of an explosion in what is called the Ball Creek Mine No. 2, one of the operations of the Red Jacket Coal and Coke Company, near Delorme, by which Thomas Bowyer, a mine miner, who was killed, and three other miners, who were seriously injured, have been taken out of the shaft. A force of men was at work in the mines at the time of the explosion, and it is feared that many other victims will be found when the work of rescue is begun.

Shot While Running Away.

Philadelphia, Special.—A man who gave his name as Patrick Say, of Peoria, Ill., died in a hospital here from the effects of a bullet wound received while endeavoring to escape from a policeman. Say was detected robbing a grocery and ran. He was pursued by Policeman Keller, who fired two shots. The second bullet struck Say in the back and lodged in his kidneys. Although told that he was mortally wounded, Say refused to divulge his name until a short time before he died.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Treasury in Better Shape.

The monthly statement of the Government receipts and expenditures just issued shows a condition of the Treasury which is eminently satisfactory to the officials.

A year ago there was a deficit of more than $48,000,000, which has now been reduced to less than $1,400,000, with the prospect that this amount will be entirely wiped out within the next 30 days. It is pointed out that there is an available cash balance on hand, including deposits in national banks, of nearly $142,000,000, with the daily receipts more than equaling the expenditures.

During January the customs receipts alone amounted to $26,889,912, which is an excess over January, 1905, of more than $4,500,000 and since July 1 last the customs receipts have exceeded those for the corresponding period last year by more than $22,500,000. During the same period internal revenue receipts have increased by more than $9,000,000.

The expenditures last month were about $2,750,000 less than for January, 1905, principally on account of reduced interest payments.

U. S. Demands Moderated.

"We made a demand upon Venezuela, based upon the presentation of the asphalt company. The claims of the litigants are usually exaggerated. Venezuela said these claims were not just and refused to allow them. Then we sent a man down to investigate impassionately.

"His in effect was the statement made by a high authority today upon the attitude of the United States toward Venezuela.

Added to it was the statement that the first demand upon that country by this and practically every succeeding one that a new and very much modified demand would be made based upon Judge Calhoun's report.

Favors the Whipping Post.

The House Committee on the District of Columbia has decided that in the matter of wife beating in the District the punishment should be made to fit the crime and that wife beaters, on being convicted, should be subjected to punishment at the whipping post.

Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill for this purpose and has for several years been a strong advocate of the proposition. President Roosevelt, in a message to last Congress, recommended such a law for the District.

Gen. Bell Chief of Staff.

Announcement was made at the War Department of the selection by the President of Brig.-Gen. J. Franklin Bell, one of the youngest brigadier-generals in the army, to be Chief of Staff, to succeed Lieut.-Gen. John C. Bates when that officer goes upon the retired list on April 11 next.

The selection of General Bell for this [illegible] over 200 senior officers of the army, is regarded as a most significant indication that the President intends to make the office of Chief of Staff one of the most important in the army.

DEATH IN FIRE ON A TRANSPORT

Fears That Blaze Would Explode Ammunition.

PLOT TO DESTROY THE BIG SHIP.

Captain Wilson, of the Transport, Nearly Strangled to Death by Fumes—A San Francisco Fire Engine Captain and Officer of the Transport Killed and Other Firemen and Officers Injured.

San Francisco (Special).—Three men were killed and 38 injured, mostly by suffocation, in a fire that damaged the United States transport Meade to the extent of $2,000 as she lay at the Folsom Street pier.

For three hours after midnight the forward hold of the big troopship was a suffocating furnace, from which firemen were borne in an almost continuous stream. Relays of men promptly stepped forward to take the places of those who were carried out unconscious.

Tons of high explosives were loaded in the afterpart of the vessel, and the firemen worked with the possibility ever before them that the flames would reach this compartment.

Owing to the fact that an infernal machine was found in the bunkers of the transport Thomas on her last voyage, the rumor was circulated that a plot had been laid to fire the Meade at sea, as she was to have departed for Manila Thursday. Major C. A. Devol, chief of the transport service, is investigating this theory with great care.

A thousand pieces of baggage were ruined. Trunks, boxes and barrels were thoroughly drenched. Wearing apparel and household furnishings were ruined. One officer places the damage to personal effects at $5,000. The vessel is not seriously injured.

The fact that the vessel was on fire was first discovered by a painter on the main deck. He rushed to Master-at-Arms Morris, who gave the alarm and aroused Sailingmaster Wilson.

Deeds of heroism marked the fire. Capt. George Wilson, of the Meade, fell down a hatchway and lay coupled and unconscious with an injured shoulder and severely strangled from the fumes of burning lime.

Chief Operator Lassak and others of the crew threw themselves down into the hold and managed to struggle back out of the death yawning Wilson, who was removed to a berth out of reach of the flames. Lassak himself was rescued from death by Joseph Cook, of Truck No. 1, and an unknown man, both of whom took their lives in their hands.

J. H. Dale, of the United States Transport Service, was overcome and injured while trying in vain to save Third Officer Wallace.

The forepart of the ship, where the fire broke out, contained the personal effects of the officers of the Second Infantry and of the Eighth and Thirteenth Batteries of Light Artillery, and the loss of property was confined to this part of the vessel.

The fear of an explosion prevailed, but this did not deter the firemen, though they knew there was a large quantity of ammunition on board. The ammunition was stored in compartment No. 6, next to the last on the boat, while fire began in No. 2 compartment, well forward.

The flames, however, cut through No. 3 compartment and No. 4, and were eating their way to the hold, where the explosives were stored. The masses of engines of those in charge were directed toward flooding this compartment and cutting it off by a volume of water from the encroachment of the flames.

When it was seen that the flames were eating their way aft Captain Wilson, who was himself suffering unconsciously in a berth in the cabin, was carried ashore and sent to the hospital.

Eighty thousand dollars in gold, being carried as military transfer on the Meade, was rescued from the ship and guarded by soldiers. Lines of soldiers also guarded the entrance to the dock.

France Is No Hurry.

Washington, (Special).—Official news has reached Washington from Paris that France will abide her time in the solution of the Venezuelan problem. It is believed that President Castro himself may prove of assistance to France if the reports received from Venezuela regarding the dissatisfaction among the people are alleged to be growing against the President are true.

In the meantime the three French warships are being retained in the French West Indies, whither they had been sent when the call came for the Meade to go to the assistance of the Venezuelan people.

It is reported that another counterfeit of the United States Treasury notes has been unearthed in Providence, R. I.

Three million of the 1,000,000 working women of the United States are engaged in manufacturing industries.

It is stated that more than 38,000 children under the age of 11 are employed in the city of Liverpool, England.

Organized workingmen in Kansas City, Mo., are leading the way in that city's crusade for progress in municipal government.

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Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., has issued a call for the annual payment of Indians, to begin on the 15th inst. It is expected that $2,000,000 will be paid out.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has been unanimously indicted by the grand jury for the collapse of the Malbone street tunnel, which caused the death of fifty-two persons.

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According to the officials of the Brotherhood of Boot and Shoe Workers, Brockton, Mass., is the largest shoe city in the world, producing about $25,000,000 worth of shoes a year. It also pays the highest wages in the world, the average at present being $950 a year, or 80 per cent higher than its nearest competitor.

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NEW YORK AS SEEN DAY BY DAY.

New York City, N. Y.

A. Gladstone Dowie, known as the unkissed son of Zion City's prophet, was almost kissed Friday. Dowie arrived from Jamaica in the steamer La Plata, having left his father in Port Antonio. Miss Elizabeth Saxton, a young woman passenger, who was said to be an actress, was dared to kiss Gladstone.

The young woman wagered a pair of bloves with a girl friend on board that she would kiss the son of the famous Dowie before parting with him. She walked up to him, extended her hand and blushingly began to tell him how glad she was to have known him.

Seemingly with a presentiment of danger, the son of "Elijah" made a hasty step backward and blushed.

Miss Saxton saw that blush, paused momentarily to admire it, and decided that she didn't want those gloves so very much after all. So she contented herself with merely shaking the young man's hand and wishing him luck.

Gladstone was saved. Dowie later declared in published reports that his father would give up the Zion leadership, saying his father had nearly recovered from the attack of paralysis and would return in April to resume his position at the head of Zion City. Overwork, more than anything else, was the cause of his illness, the prophet declared.

Again representatives of the Celestial Empire have created a flurry of excitement in the metropolis—this time not of apprehension. In our midst" ran Tai Hung Chi, his viceroy. Tai Hung has a suite of 50 lesser Chinese lights and 400 trunks. Tai and his followers are here to study American institutions, and one of the most interesting of these will be what they have yet come in contact is the Chinese colony of the city. Tai is the guest of the Board of Revenue of the Chinese Empire, while Tuan Fang is Secretary of Pe-Kiau and Chefoo Provinces, which makes him lord over 40,000,000 souls. At the Fifth Avenue Hotel Thursday evening Chinese business men of the city gathered to make the Celestials welcome. Before the evening was over these men agreed that the Empress Tai Tzu had immense representatives well. The elevators in the buildings were a never ending source of wonder to the visitors, and a good laugh was enjoyed at the expense of Tuan Fang when they found out that he had brought with him a pitcher and wash basin. At the reception tendered them the orchestra played "The World's Delight," a Chinese ditty, which was so pleased that the Americans present thought the orchestra was tuning up.

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Future subway entrances are to be removed from the sidewalks. Recently the Citizens' Union complained to the Rapid Transit Commission that the present subway entrances incumber the sidewalks to the detriment of their intended uses. It further asks that all entrances to the subway be placed on private property.

In an answer, the commission said that it has already practically concluded to follow out such a course, where possible, in future subways.

To complete an elaborate underground terminal station at the Manhattan end of the Williamsburg bridge, the Board of Estimate today appropriated $750,000 in addition to $50,000 previously voted for the same purpose.

This makes the entire amount needed for the work as estimated by Bridge Commissioner Hedley, and ensures the accommodation for passengers, it is said, is now assured.

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Trusted with a good part of the funds of the Astor Bank, Tracy F. Bolington, a 15-year-old employee, was until recently looked up to as one of the most trustworthy persons in connection with the institution. Lately, however, he has developed a penchant for lurid literature of the kind that tells of the superhuman strength of the Indian slayers and highwaymen. These and plays of a like order have filled his brain with the idea that to live the quiet peace in the bank, get out and make the world gain a couple of revolutions a minute. Other men—at least the paper-covered nickel weeklies said so—had successfully borrowed money and gone West, made a fortune and then paid back the loan. Young Bolington set out to do the same. He borrowed the money; and he did.

Only those temptations which we encounter in the path of duty should we expect God to help us to conquer.—Phillips Brooks.

It is now more a sin to hear these whispers of evil in our souls than to hear the words of evil if bad men as we walk along the street. The sin comes only by our stopping and plotting in them.—H. A. Smith.

If a man has much of the Spirit of God, he will be sure to have great conflicts with the tempter.—D. L. Moody.

If you are in Christ, you are in the one under whose feet the devil is.—F. B. Meyer.

Modern Society.

Mrs. Van Oyster gave a $500 luncheon yesterday. Among those present were Mrs. Chamberlowter in a $180 gown; Mrs. Doughnut, $560; Mrs. Cruller, $175; Mrs. Pancake, $720.

The dance given by Mrs. Goldcut cost her $1,550, she announces.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and Its Work.

Matt. 25: 31-46.

Lincoln Day.

February 12 is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. What more fitting remembrance of it could be suggested than the consideration of this noblest of all charities in the South, which is so effectively continuing Lincoln's work?

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is the Methodist Episcopal Church at work among two classes of people in the South—the white people who would otherwise have no opportunity for education, and the black people, of whom the same thing is true, but whose need is, if anything, more urgent.

All the Southern states, with a population of some thirty million people, of whom nine million are colored, are included in the scope of the Society's operations. There are forty-four academies, colleges and universities —twenty-one among the white people, and twenty-three among the blacks. These schools had last year an enrollment of over eleven thousand students.

In these states forty-seven per cent.